



WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS — WISCONSIN'S FOX VALLEY

CALUMET, FOND DU LAC, GREEN LAKE, OUTAGAMIE, WAUSHARA, WAUPACA, WINNEBAGO

State of Wisconsin
Department of Workforce Development

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Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Decline During March in Wisconsin's Fox Valley Area

Wisconsin Fox Valley Workforce Development Area Unadjusted Labor Force Data

March 2005	Appleton MSA	Fond du Lac MSA	Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Calumet	Green Lake	Outagamie	Waupaca	Waushara	Fox Valley WDA	Non MSA's
Civilian Labor Force**	126,800	57,400	95,700	26,500	11,200	100,300	30,100	12,100	333,300	110,800
Employed	120,800	54,500	91,200	25,400	10,400	95,300	28,300	11,300	316,400	104,400
Unemployed	6,100	2,900	4,500	1,100	800	5,000	1,800	800	16,900	6,300
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	5.1%	4.7%	4.0%	7.2%	5.0%	5.8%	6.9%	5.1%	5.7%
Change from one month ago February 2005										
Civilian Labor Force**	-700	-200	-400	-100	0	-500	-200	-100	-1,600	-500
Employed	-100	0	0	0	0	-100	0	-100	-200	-100
Unemployed	-600	-200	-300	-100	0	-400	-200	-100	-1,400	-500
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.6%	-0.5%	-0.3%	-0.4%
Change from one year ago March 2004										
Civilian Labor Force**	0	500	1,200	0	-100	0	-500	-100	1,000	-300
Employed	1,100	900	1,900	200	-100	900	-400	0	3,500	500
Unemployed	-1,000	-400	-700	-200	0	-800	-200	-100	-2,500	-800
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.8%	-0.8%	-0.7%	-0.8%	-0.3%	-0.8%	-0.5%	-0.9%	-0.7%	-0.7%

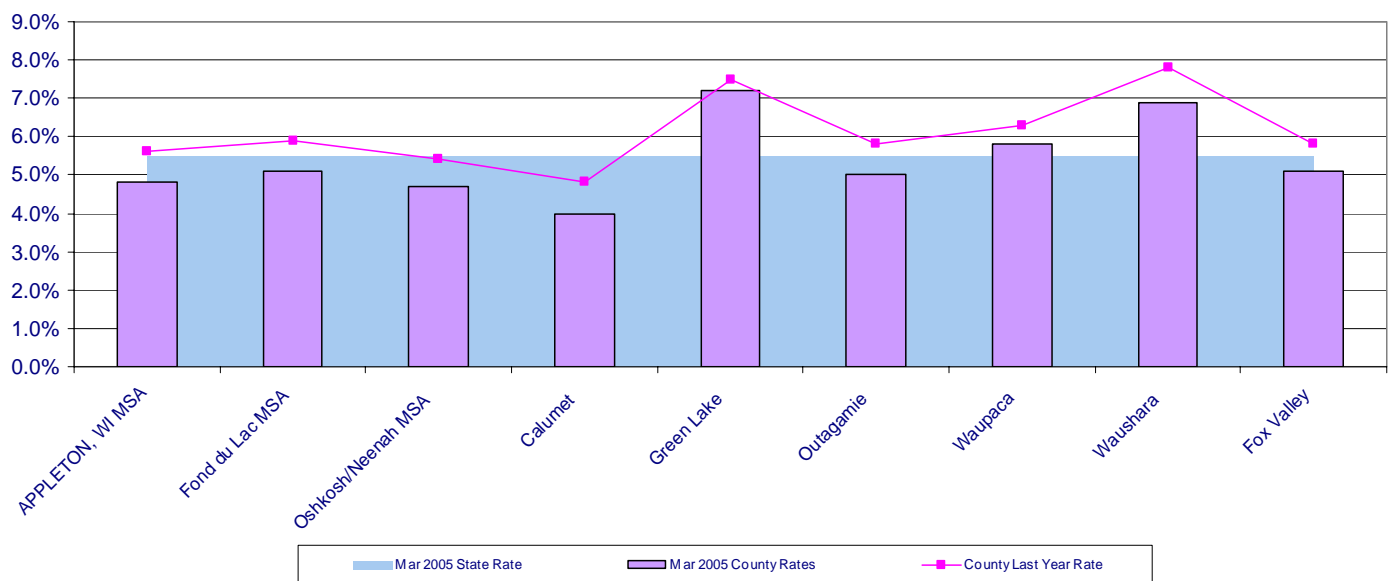
Unadjusted unemployment rates declined in all seven counties of the Fox Valley Workforce Delivery area during March. The rate for the region was down 0.3 of a percentage point from February at 5.1 percent. This was also an improvement from last march when the unadjusted unemployment rate for the region was 5.8 percent. The decrease in the rate was slightly greater than normal. The average monthly change between February and March for the Fox Valley Region between 1990 and 2004 is a decline of 0.1 of a percentage point. The region generally experiences its highest unemployment rates of the year in January and

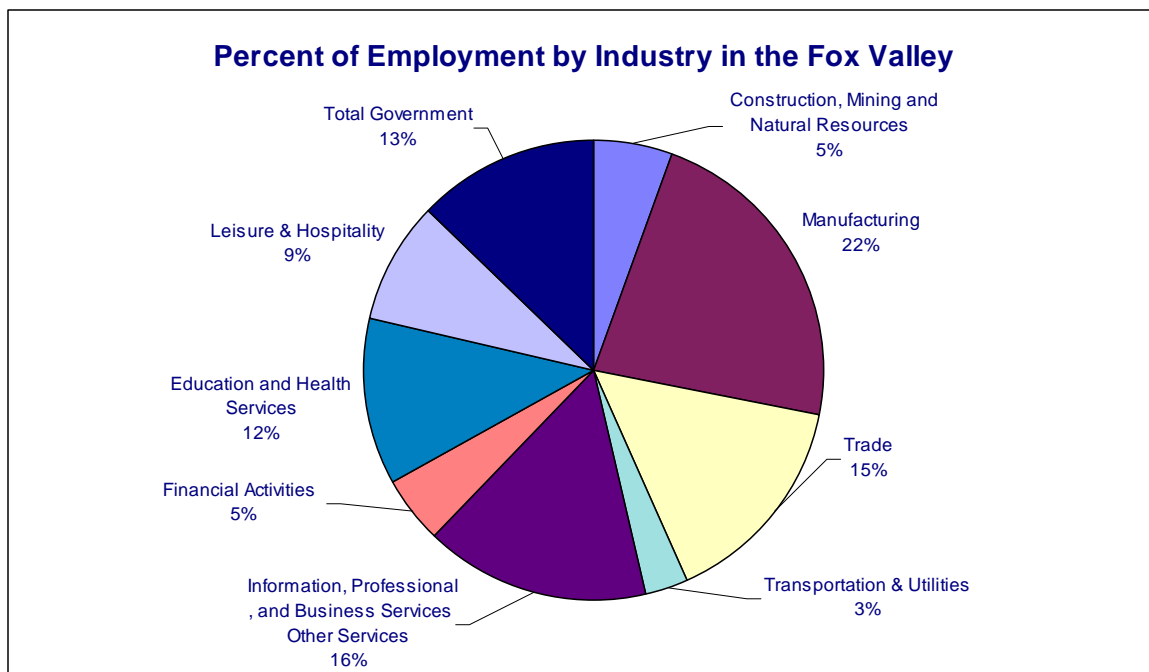
February, and it then begins to moderate in March and April through early fall. The cycle is very dependant on weather, economic and political occurrences during the period. Weather is often the most obvious as March is also a transitional month between winter and spring. If the month is cooler or wetter, seasonal jobs such as construction are often delayed. If it is a warmer year, then these jobs may start earlier.

The area's labor force decreased 1,600 over the month to 333,300. At the same time, the number of employed de-

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State and County Unadjusted Unemployment Rates





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declined 200 to 316,400, while the number estimated to be unemployed was down 1,400 to 16,900. Although the labor force and number employed declined over the month, these numbers remained above one year ago numbers. The labor force was 1,000 above last March, while the number employed was up 3,500. The number estimated to be unemployed was down 2,500 from last March. All seven counties in the region had lower unemployment rates this March compared to last March.

Unemployment rates in the region ranged from a low of 4.0 percent in Calumet County to a high of 7.2 percent in Green Lake County. Waupaca County had the greatest over the month decrease in its unemployment rate in the region, dropping 0.6 of a percentage point to 5.8 percent.

Nonfarm wage and salary (NFWS) employment in the region increased 1,800 over the month to 289,300. An increase in the number of jobs during March was also typical for the State of Wisconsin for the month as the number of jobs in Wisconsin rose 15,800 in March.

The region also had an increase in the number of jobs over the last twelve months. Nonfarm wage and salary employment in the Fox Valley region was up 7,100. Service providing industries were up 4,500 jobs, while goods producing industries saw an increase of 2,600 jobs over the year.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

As of January, seasonally adjusted data is no longer available for sub-state levels. Statewide and national data will continue to have seasonally adjusted data.

The seasonally adjusted rate for the State of Wisconsin was down 0.3 of a percentage point to 4.6 percent. The United States' rate declined 0.2 of a percentage point over the month to 5.2 percent.

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Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)*											
National (U. S. City Average.) 1982-84 = 100			% Change	Class B/C - North Central States (1996 = 100)			% Change	Class D - North Central States (1996 = 100)			% Change
U.S. City Average	Feb-05	Jan-05	Feb-04	(Size 50,000-1500,000)	Feb-05	Jan-05	Feb-04	(Size Less than 50,000)	Feb-05	Jan-05	Feb-04
All Items	191.8	190.7	3.0%	All Items	118.1	117.3	1.7%	All Items	179.2	178.2	0.3%
Food & Beverage	189.3	189.5	2.6%	Food & Beverage	117.7	116.7	3.0%	Food & Beverage	183.0	182.7	3.7%
Housing	192.7	191.8	3.0%	Housing	116.0	115.6	1.7%	Housing	168.5	167.2	-0.7%
Apparel & Upkeep	118.7	116.1	0.1%	Apparel & Upkeep	85.9	85.9	2.0%	Apparel & Upkeep	125.5	126.7	-6.5%
Transportation	166.1	164.0	4.6%	Transportation	119.9	117.7	-0.4%	Transportation	156.3	154.2	-2.3%
Gasoline (all Types)	163.4	155.6	14.7%	Gasoline (all Types)	172.2	162.4	-0.3%	Gasoline (all Types)	153.1	144.8	0.4%
Medical Care	319.3	316.8	4.3%	Medical Care	139.2	137.9	6.3%	Medical Care	316.6	312.7	6.1%
Energy	155.2	151.9	10.4%	Energy	150.5	147.0	3.1%	Energy	143.0	139.7	3.5%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics *Not Seasonally Adjusted

Wisconsin Fox Valley Workforce Development Area								
	Appleton		Oshkosh					
March 2005	MSA	Fond du Lac	MSA	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Fox Valley WDA	Wisconsin
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	114,800	49,000	91,800	7,100	20,600	6,000	289,300	2,776,100
Total Private	103,200	43,100	78,600	6,100	16,600	4,500	252,100	2,352,900
Goods Producing	32,400	13,700	26,600	1,800	5,600	1,200	81,400	619,300
Service Producing	82,400	35,300	65,200	5,300	15,000	4,800	207,900	2,156,800
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	8,100	2,800	3,400	400	800	300	15,700	118,400
Manufacturing	24,300	10,900	23,200	1,500	4,800	1,000	65,700	500,900
Trade	19,600	7,800	11,500	900	2,900	800	43,600	422,600
Transportation & Utilities	3,400	1,700	3,400	300	500	300	9,600	106,000
Financial Activities	6,400	1,800	3,800	300	700	200	13,200	157,300
Education and Health Services	11,900	6,900	10,400	1,100	2,900	700	33,900	383,900
Leisure & Hospitality	10,900	4,400	6,300	600	1,800	700	24,700	235,900
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	18,600	6,800	16,600	1,000	2,300	600	45,900	427,900
Total Government	11,600	5,900	13,200	1,000	4,000	1,500	37,300	423,200
Federal	500	300	600	100	100	100	1,700	29,200
State	300	600	5,500	0	900	400	7,700	104,500
Local	10,800	5,000	7,100	1,000	3,000	1,100	27,900	289,500
Change from one month ago	February 2005							
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	600	300	700	0	100	0	1,800	15,800
Percent change NFWS from last month	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%	0.6%	0.6%
Total Private	700	400	500	40	90	40	1,800	14,400
Goods Producing	100	100	200	0	30	30	500	4,500
Service Producing	500	200	500	40	80	-20	1,300	11,300
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	100	100	100	0	20	10	300	2,000
Manufacturing	0	0	100	-10	10	20	100	2,500
Trade	0	200	0	10	10	10	200	500
Transportation & Utilities	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	500
Financial Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400
Education and Health Services	0	0	100	10	0	0	100	600
Leisure & Hospitality	200	0	100	0	0	0	300	3,200
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	400	100	100	-10	20	20	600	4,700
Total Government	-100	-100	200	0	10	-20	0	1,400
Federal	0	0	100	0	0	0	100	100
State	0	0	100	0	0	0	100	600
Local	-100	-100	0	0	10	-30	-200	700
Change from one year ago	March 2004							
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	2,200	1,800	3,000	0	-100	200	7,100	31,800
Percent change NFWS from last year	2.0%	3.8%	3.4%	0.2%	-0.3%	2.5%	2.5%	1.2%
Total Private	2,200	1,900	2,400	100	-90	120	6,600	30,600
Goods Producing	1,200	700	700	40	-110	120	2,600	10,600
Service Producing	1,000	1,100	2,300	-20	40	30	4,500	21,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	200	200	-200	0	0	0	200	4,200
Manufacturing	1,000	500	900	40	-110	120	2,400	6,400
Trade	600	600	1,100	-30	50	-10	2,300	2,100
Transportation & Utilities	-100	0	-200	0	0	30	-300	1,800
Financial Activities	-500	0	-100	10	10	10	-600	600
Education and Health Services	300	600	200	0	0	-20	1,100	11,900
Leisure & Hospitality	1,000	0	200	30	-10	-10	1,200	3,300
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	-300	0	500	50	-30	10	200	300
Total Government	0	-100	600	-80	20	30	500	1,200
Federal	0	100	0	-10	0	0	100	0
State	0	-100	400	0	30	10	300	2,100
Local	0	-100	200	-80	0	10	0	-900
* Seven counties, excluding La Crosse County ** Includes participants residing in area. *** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2002								

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